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Araku Coffee Project
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

a) whether the Government has implemented a coffee project in Araku valley in Visakhapatnam district of Andhra Pradesh;
b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made therein; and
c) the details of the concessions given to the State for coffee projects in Araku?

Answer

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(a) & (b): The Coffee Board has taken up activities for Coffee development in four divisions/ zones viz. Minumuluru, Chintapalli (East & West) and Araku valley in Agency areas of Vishakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh from 1997-98 onwards. The details are as under.

Components	Achievements
Expansion (Area in Ha.)	32916.79
Consolidation (Area in Ha.)	3493.17
Baby Pulpers (Units)	3290
Drying Yards (Units)	7891
Mini Hullers (Units)	11
Raising mixed shade saplings (Nos.)	622319
Community Godown (Nos.)	29
Community Pulper Units	11
Mini Coffee Curing Works	1

(c): The Coffee Board reimburses the subsidy amount as per the approved scales to the Nodal Agency i.e. Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Government of Andhra Pradesh for implementation of various sub components of the plan scheme viz. expansion , consolidation, procurement of baby pulpers etc.
During the XIIth plan, support is extended by the coffee Board in Andhra Pradesh for various activities in the coffee sector, which include, inter alia, expansion /consolidation @ 25% of the unit cost, procurement of baby pulpers for quality improvement@ 50% of the unit cost, raising of mixed shade tree saplings @ Rs. 5/- per seedling, marketing of clean coffee @ Rs. 10/- per kg and eco certification @ 75% towards certification cost. The Board also extends support to individual growers for construction of drying yard @ 50% of the unit cost and purchase of farm machineries @ 75% of the unit cost.
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